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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Protecting Tenants

ONE important responsibility which the Rent Control Committee assumed was to endeavour to find ways and means of both simplifying and tightening up the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance in order to make it a more effective instrument of the law, particularly in protecting the rights and welfare of tenants and sub-tenants. With some significance the report observes that "The fact of the matter is that it is not the business of any particular person or department to see that offences against the Ordinance are investigated and culprits brought to book; neither sub-tenants nor landlords are inclined to be active... and the result is that the Ordinance may be regarded virtually as a dead letter as far as the penal sections are concerned." It is a nice example of the law defeating its own ends, and if the provisions of the Ordinance are to mean more than high-flutin legal phrases, Government and the general public obviously have to do something. The point is further emphasised in another part of the report which reads: "Nevertheless we think that part of the blame for the rent situation which has arisen can be with reason laid at the door of the sub-tenant. If the sub-tenant cannot or will not make any attempt to stand up for his rights he must share the blame; if he will not help himself there is little or nothing that can be done for him." The observation tends to substantiate an impression that tenants who feel they are being exploited are more content to write complaining to newspapers in generalised terms than to seek proper redress through the terms of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance.

THE several recommendations which the Rent Control Committee has advanced for the purpose of trying to eradicate abuses of the Ordinance are not to be dismissed as futile simply because they are not necessarily fool-proof. They appeal as being reasonable, logical and, for the most part, practicable. The key to the particular problem, however, is the enforcement of the Ordinance whereby not only is action taken against transgressors, but who are, upon conviction, punished in a manner that will act as an effective deterrent to others. Thus one recommendation is as welcome as it is essential. It is that a special organisation be established charged with the sole duty of attending to the enforcement of the penal sections and to advise the public on their rights and obligations arising out of the Ordinance. Its existence should offer the necessary encouragement to victimised tenants to fight for their rights, and simultaneously correct the ridiculous situation where enforcement of the law is nobody's business. Government has officially indicated that it is prepared to adopt some of the committee's recommendations and to approve in principle the remainder. We believe that an injustice would be caused if the proposals to raise rents were implemented without at the same time giving effect to the proposition that the public should be fully informed as to their protective rights and responsibilities under the Ordinance and that the proper machinery be established for the full enforcement of the law governing controlled rents.

RESUMPTION OF TRUCE TALKS OFFER BY UN COMMAND

Meeting Of Liaison Officers Proposed LETTER HANDED TO THE REDS THIS MORNING

Panmunjom, Apr. 17.

The United Nations Command told the Communists today (Friday) that UN liaison officers will meet with them on Saturday or as soon thereafter as agreeable to discuss re-opening of the armistice talks.

The UN Command in a letter given the Communists at Panmunjom this morning suggested that prisoners who do not wish repatriation should be turned over to the custody of Switzerland as a neutral nation, but remain in Korea.

The letter warned that "the United Nations Command is of the opinion that unless meetings of full delegations indicate that an acceptable agreement will be reached in a reasonable time it will be advisable to recess the meetings again."

The letter, from Lt-Gen. William K. Harrison, Jr., Chief of the Allied Truce Delegation, to Gen. Nam Il, Senior Delegate for the Reds, suggested "that in the interest of practically, prisoners of war who are not directly repatriated be released to custody in Korea of the neutral state."

The letter further suggested that "after allowing a reasonable time, such as 60 days during which opportunity has been afforded by the neutral state to parties concerned to determine attitudes of individuals in its custody with regard to their status, the neutral state will make arrangements for peaceable disposition of those remaining in its custody."

Nam Il had requested that full-scale armistice talks be resumed and proposed that the question of overall prisoner exchange be settled this way:

1. That war prisoners wishing to be returned to their homelands be exchanged immediately.

2. That all other war prisoners should be turned over to a "neutral state." The Communists did not name the neutral state they had in mind.

Harrison told the Communist "it is assumed that you are prepared to accept the UN Command proposal or make a comparable constructive proposal of your own which would constitute a valid basis for resumption of meetings."

Under the UN plan, Switzerland or the neutral state agreed on would be allowed 60 days to determine the attitude of those prisoners refusing to go back to Communism and then "make arrangements for the peaceful disposition of those remaining in custody."

About 50,000 of the 132,304 prisoners held by UN forces have said they would resist repatriation to Communist soil. The Communist previous demand that they be moved by force if necessary caused complete collapse of the armistice talks last October.—Associated Press.

Soviet Bloc Makes Another Gesture Of Conciliation

United Nations, Apr. 16.

The Soviet bloc stretched out the hand of conciliation again tonight and agreed to drop for the time being its demands for world peace on Russian terms.

The sudden concession led to what United Nations officials said was the first unanimous vote on a major issue since the organisation was born.

Together with the nations it had long opposed, the Eastern bloc gave its approval to a mildly-worded Brazilian motion noting recent events in Korea with "deep satisfaction." Sixty nations voted for, none abstained and none voted against.

Mr G. N. Zarubin, the Soviet delegate, said the unanimous vote was "certainly helpful."

The first sign of this policy change came so suddenly and quickly that it took observers by surprise.

Mr Krishna Menon, of India, had made a simple appeal for adoption of the Brazilian resolution.

"SUPERFLUOUS"

Mr Stanislaw Skrzesczewski of Poland, the next speaker on the list, got to his feet and briefly announced that he would drop his resolution on world peace, the Korean paragraph now appearing "superfluous."

People not giving the debate keen attention failed to realise what he had done.

The Brazilian resolution had been presented in the Political Committee as a counter to the Polish motion, which condemned the Atlantic Pact and called for an immediate end to Korean hostilities, the withdrawal of foreign troops and general world disarmament including an unconditional ban on the atom.

Brazil had merely recommended the Assembly, due to adjourn on Saturday, to be ready to reconvene if the situation in Korea warranted it.

Only yesterday afternoon, Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, leader of the Soviet delegation, spoke at length and with much satire against the Brazilian resolution.

After today's debate he was seen leaving the building smiling—and clutching a copy of a speech President Eisenhower made today outlining a plan for world peace.

BACK-SLAPPING

In the lobbies and lounges, delegates slapped backs and shook hands, brimming with goodwill.

Mr Skrzesczewski did not go so far as to drop his demands altogether. He reserved the right to bring the resolution up again at the next Assembly. "Problems raised therein need further discussion," he said.

Mr Menon had declared: "We have to look at the problem of Korea on the basis of the situation as it is today."

He said that after agreement on the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners in Korea, the next step was to answer a letter to General Nam Il, chief North Korean negotiator, on April 9 proposing exchange of all prisoners who wanted to go

home and transfer of the others to a neutral state.

"That is our duty to the soldiers and the people of the world. Our duty is to welcome these proposals and see that steps towards implementation be taken without loss of time," Mr Menon said.—Reuter.

Swinging Hook Caused Crash

London, Apr. 16.

A seven-pound hook, swinging on the end of a chain, caused London's worst-ever smash between two underground trains eight days ago, it was stated at a Government inquiry here today.

Eleven people died and 41 were injured in the crash, since attributed to the failure of a near foolproof safety device.

When the Ministry of Transport opened the inquiry into the accident today, a railway engineer, Mr A. W. Manser, said the cause of failure had been established.

"A coupling safety chain, found hanging down on the last train to pass a signal before it failed, is believed to have swung out and smashed the head of the train stop device," Mr Manser said.—Reuter.

Thorez Back In France



Maurice Thorez, French Communist chief, leans on a stick and smiles at the end of his long train journey from Russia to France which he completed last week. He is pictured at St Quentin with his wife, Jeanette and (right) his son, Maurice. Thorez had spent 29 months in Russia following a paralytic stroke. — AP Photo.

Fire Badly Damages Ship CREW RESCUED

Long Beach, Apr. 16.

The British freighter ss Menestheus, was damaged severely by fire 70 miles off the coast of Mexico today, but all the 80 crewmen have been rescued "without injuries," the Coast Guard announced.

The Pacific Far East Lines' freighter Navajo Victory responded to radio distress calls shortly after midnight and picked up the crewmen who had taken to lifeboats when fire swept through the ship.

At first the Navajo Victory radioed that the British ship "looks like a total loss." Hours later, however, she reported that she was attempting to take the Menestheus in tow.

That message came shortly after the rescue ship radioed that she was moving in close to investigate the possibility of salvage.

The cause of the fire, which started in the engine room, was not immediately known nor was it determined how extensively the ship or its cargo of rice was damaged.

The Menestheus first radioed for help at 12:45 a.m. EST. The call was heard by Globe Wireless in San Francisco and also by the Navajo Victory. The latter sped to help the burning vessel off the coast of Baja, California.

The Navajo's first message to the Coast Guard here said that she had picked up most of the crewmen and that "no further assistance" was needed.

At that time about 20 men, including the captain of the Menestheus still were in a lifeboat.—United Press.

BOAC PLANE DUMPS FUEL

Manila, Apr. 16.

A BOAC airliner left Manila this morning for Hongkong dumping 1,000 gallons of fuel when one of its engines developed engine trouble and limped back here after only a half hour's flight.

The pilot, Captain J. D. Gribben feared that owing to the airliner's heavy load it might not be able to reach Hongkong.—Reuter.

Nationalist Party Wins

Johannesburg, Apr. 16.

The Nationalist Party today won 80 seats and thus wins the election.

State of the parties in the South African election at 9:45 p.m. South African time today was:

United Party 55 (eighteen unopposed).

Nationalists 74 (two unopposed).

Labour party 4.

Natives' representatives 3.

Twenty-three results were still outstanding. One will be declared after a bye-election because of the death of a candidate.—Reuter.

Wants Banned Exports List Revised

London, Apr. 16.

Mr Harold Wilson, former Labour President of the Board of Trade, tonight urged revision of the list of strategic goods that must not be exported to Communist countries.

"If and when the fighting stops in Korea, the Government should be ready to dismantle a large part of our strategic controls," he said in a House of Commons debate on the budget.

The Government was doing the wrong thing at the wrong time in choosing this moment to tighten up the blockade of China.

He criticised the Chancellor of the Exchequer for being "too optimistic" in his budget about the economic position.

Britain was dependent on a record United States boom. If that ended, as most people expected it would one day, they know from experience that dollar earnings from sterling rubber, wool and tin would collapse in a matter of weeks.

If that happen the whole economic policy of the Government would collapse with it.

The Government had failed to provide for any change in this economic climate.—Reuter.

AMERICAN PROPERTY ATTACKED BY MOBS

Washington, Apr. 16.

The State Department announced on Thursday that mobs have attacked American government offices and American homes in the city of Shiraz, but no Americans are known to have been killed or injured.

Shiraz, a city of 50,000 people, is in south Central Iran, 500 miles from Teheran.

The announcement said: "The State Department announced that irresponsible Iranian mobs broke into Point Four offices at Shiraz on Wednesday destroying furniture etc."

"This morning the mobs attacked American homes in the same city but it is officially reported no Americans are known to be killed or injured."

"The American Ambassador has made the most energetic protestations to Prime Minister Mossadegh who expressed deep regret and assured maximum protection to all Americans in the area."

"So far the State Department knows there are 12 American men, 11 women and 15 children in Shiraz. Shiraz is the centre of an Iranian agricultural area."

"The Point Four Programme was started by former President Truman to aid underdeveloped areas by a loan of American experts and money to encourage self-development." — Associated Press.

MARTIAL LAW

Teheran, Apr. 16.

The Government today imposed martial law in Shiraz, South Persia, after an attack by demonstrators on American "Point Four" aid offices and homes there.

The demonstrators stoned the American homes and offices and destroyed "Point Four" office files.

Earlier reports today said crowds also attacked the headquarters yesterday.—Reuter.

Eisenhower Has Food Poisoning

Saltisbury, Apr. 16.

President Eisenhower had a slight attack of food poisoning today, according to his Press Secretary, Mr James Hagerty.

Mr Hagerty told reporters of the food poisoning as the President started to speak at the 200th anniversary of North Carolina's Rowan county.—Reuter.



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Airey Neave has been in book form his exploits. The book has been serialised in its will consider pleasure the China Mail obtained exclusive rights to Hongkong to this story.

Airey Neave has little book, "They Have Exits" and it will be daily in the China Mail serial form beginning NEXT MONDAY.

As entertaining as it is a brilliant success the China Mail's "The Man Who Never Dies" final instalment of which is published tomorrow.

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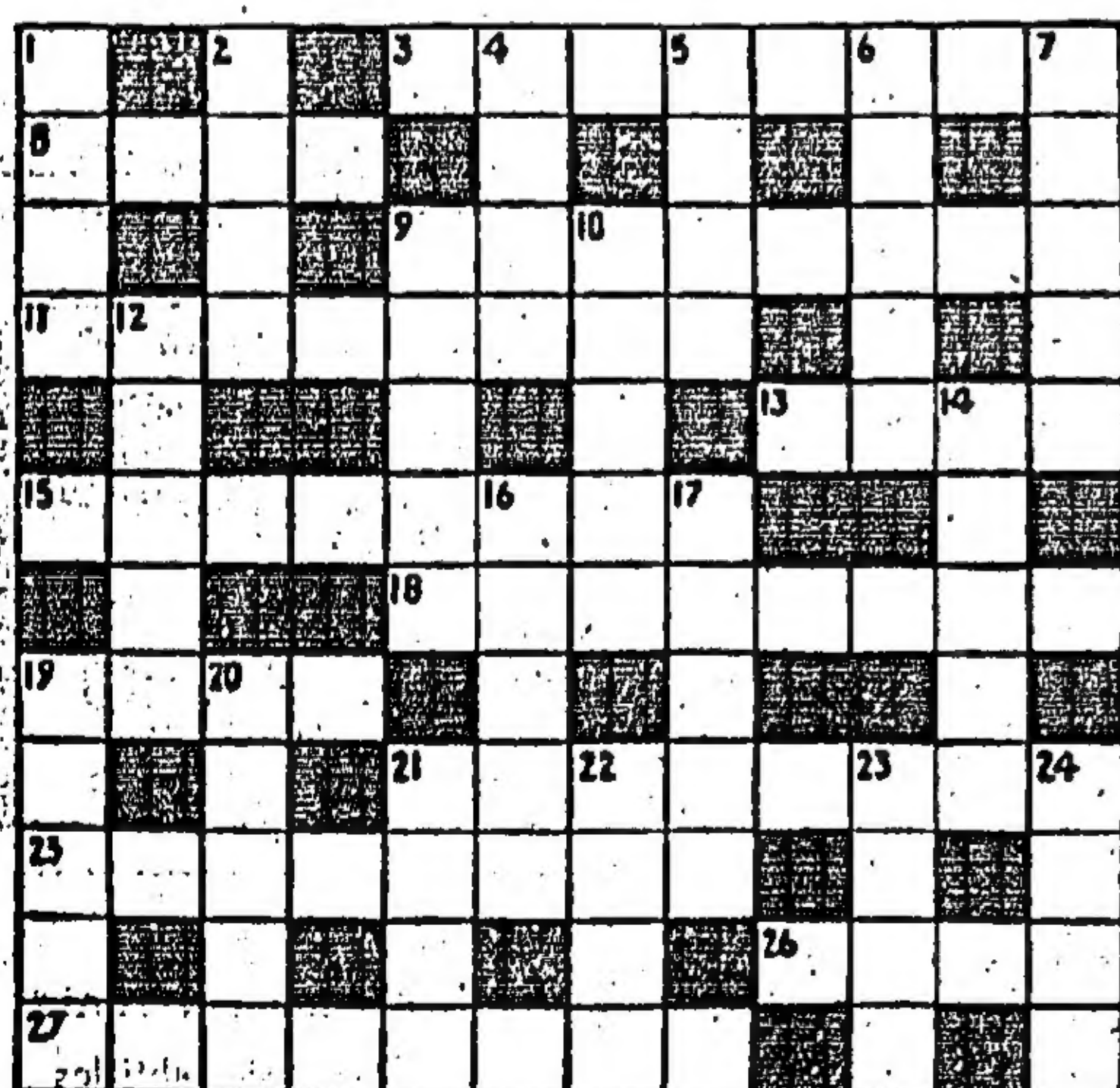
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9. Telephone worker (8).
11. Contrite (8).
13. Weapons (4).
16. Ecstasy (8).
18. Smelling strongly of (8).
19. Wound (4).
21. Measuring compasses (8).
22. Took the chair (8).
23. Relate (4).
27. Withdrew (8).

DOWN
1. Seize (4).
2. Fluff (4).
4. Drug (4).
5. Saucy (4).
6. Bury (6).
7. Clothes (5).
9. Animal (5).
10. Finished (5).
12. Throw out (5).
14. Pit worker (8).
15. Lukewarm (8).
17. Substantial (8).
18. Minor actor (8).
20. Watchful (8).
21. Terrible (4).
22. Undergarment (4).
23. Balanced (4).
24. Condemned (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Crisis, 4. Rigid, 7. Expanding, 8. Arena, 9. Pistol, 11. Emerald, 13. Precious, 16. Lament, 18. Matter, 19. Animates, 20. Lash, 21. Grease, 22. Down, 1. Crook, 2. Stout, 3. Stilled, 4. Regale, 5. Generate, 6. Demand, 10. Shelter, 12. Seeking, 13. Rejoice, 14. Charge, 15. Tease, 17. Taste.

BRITAIN TO STAY ARMED

No Reduction Until Threat Of War Removed

Air Minister's Expression Of Government Views

London, Apr. 16.

Britain will stay armed until the threat of war has gone, Lord De L'Isle and Dudley, Minister for Air, told the House of Lords today. "Even if there has been slight thaw in international relations, we must regard not so much words as deeds," he said. He was winding up a two-day debate on defence.

Peace was not to be purchased by acquiescence or submission, he added.

"The one way to ensure a short war would be to lose the first round," he said.

"We mean to survive that first fierce clash and we must see that the initiative does not remain with the aggressors, for the power to strike back is an essential of defence."

He said air transport might well to a large extent displace sea transport for carrying troops

to the Far East if the great new machines coming into operation were used.

But he emphasised that some of these planes cost as much as £1,000,000. At the moment sea transport was more economical.

Lord Rakenham, First Lord of the Admiralty, in the last Labour Government, asked why Britain had such a large force in the Middle East.

VITAL NECESSITY

Was it for prestige reasons or to exercise some influence? If that was so it was a false argument, he said.

"I think the Army would like to bring the men back," he added.

Lord De L'Isle and Dudley said the Government did not keep troops in the Canal Zone for prestige purposes.

Strategic administrative, and local security tasks made the numbers now there vitally necessary.

"In the Government's view we cannot sacrifice obligations without putting at grave risk the livelihood of the 50,000,000 people in these islands," he said.

—Reuter.

NATO'S GOAL

Paris, Apr. 16.

Mr. Jean Van Vredenburg, Dutch Deputy Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Council, declared today that the firm goal for NATO's forces in 1953 would be above that of 1952 in quantity, but above all in quality.

With the Secretary-General, Lord Ismay, he was addressing a Press conference on questions to be discussed at next week's NATO annual review conference.

Lord Ismay pointed out that while the agenda of the three-day conference was not yet definite, the main item would be the NATO annual review establishing the 1953 target and provisional targets for 1954.

This review, carried over from the last Ministerial meeting in December, was expected to show that NATO was not only stepping up the number of men under arms, but increasing their efficiency and their fighting capabilities.

Lord Ismay said another vital item would be a political exchange of views and, in particular, discussion of the evolution of Soviet policy towards the NATO countries.

ONLY ONE HORSE

Other agenda items would be infrastructure, Lord Ismay's report on administrative matters and any other matters that might arise.

Lord Ismay made a brief reference to civil defence, saying that it had been making progress and he would issue a statement on it soon.

He also hoped the question of long-term defence planning, on a three-year or longer basis, would be discussed by the Ministers.

"I am certain the European army projects would come up during the meeting and told a questioner he could think of no alternative to the proposed European Defence Community."

"We have only got one horse in this race and that is the one we are backing," he added.

—Reuter.

Trip By Chaplin

Geneva, Apr. 16.

Mr. Charles Chaplin, who last Friday landed in his United States re-entry permit to the American Consulate here, will leave Geneva tomorrow by air for London.

—Reuter.

Prime Minister To Broadcast

London, Apr. 16.

It was announced today that the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, will broadcast in the BBC home and overseas services immediately before the Queen's Coronation Day a message to the people of the Commonwealth.

—Reuter.

Nazi Mass Slaughter Recalled

Bremen, Apr. 16.

A former Nazi concentration commander, accused of the wartime slaughter of thousands of Jews, broke in tears today after a prosecution witness testified he ordered the shooting of Jewish children.

Fritz Hiltebrand, ex-Lieutenant in the SS, is charged with being responsible for the mass killing of Jewish inmates in the camps of Drobobycz and Barislaw which he commanded between February, 1943 and 1944.

Sirs Adèle Holzmann, 34, of Tel-Aviv, told the court that Hiltebrand ordered the rounding up of about 25 children, between eight and 10 years old, who were working in the Barislaw camp's brickyard in summer 1943.

She said the children were heavily beaten and wept because they suspected that they would be killed.

"One little girl, whose mother was shot to death a little earlier, took off her coat and gave it to her father," Mrs. Holzmann said.

"She told him: 'Take the coat, maybe you can exchange it for some bread. I am going to join mother.'"

Hiltebrand has denied all charges except saying he gave the order for the execution of two Jewish men who were found in illegal possession of arms and ammunition.

—Associated Press.

Trade Talks With East

Geneva, Apr. 16.

Representatives of 25 East and West European nations today began making statements on the specific items which they wish to import and export in an expansion of East-West trade.

These statements, expected to take the 80 experts two days to complete, are being made at the conference on East-West trade organised by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

The talks are being held in secret, but it is understood the principal commodities under discussion are steel, coal, timber and grains.

The next stage in the talks will be for the experts to split up into groups and discuss bilateral and three-way exchanges.

—Reuter.

TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS

Moscow, Apr. 16.

Charles Bohlen, new U.S. Ambassador to Russia, will present his credentials on Monday to Marshal Klement Voroshilov, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

The Kremlin ceremony will give the envoy full diplomatic status.

Arrangements for the presentation were made following Mr. Bohlen's brief call today on Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov.

U.S. Embassy spokesmen said that visit was a protocol interview in connection with the credentials ceremony.

(Marshal Voroshilov is the figurehead "President" of the Soviet government).—Associated Press.

Japan Says She Wants To Help Asia

Colombo, Apr. 16.

Japan is willing to co-operate with Asian countries in developing their industrial and agricultural economies and thus raise general living standards, it was disclosed here today.

In an appeal by the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce to the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and other organisations in the Far East the Tokyo Chamber emphasised Japan's willingness to furnish technical aid and establish research institutes covering a wide range of scientific subjects to assist in the overall development programme.

Japan, the letter said, would help the cultivation of rice in this manner and would establish model farms wherever required.

Tokyo Chamber urged Asian nations to conclude treaties with Japan and to remove restrictions in the interest of international trade.

—United Press.

Akihito In Ontario

Fort William, Apr. 16.

Crown Prince Akihito of Japan stopped here for 20 minutes and was presented with an inscribed fountain pen by more than 100 Ontario Japanese-Canadians who turned out in freezing temperatures to see him.

The young Prince arrived by train shortly after dawn, he smiled at the crowd gathered on the station platform.

Officers of the Lakehead Nisei Club, a Japanese-Canadian organisation, made the presentation. Members of the Prince's party accepted the gift on his behalf.

The Prince is visiting Canada on his way to the Coronation.

The Prince himself appeared about five minutes before the train left. This was a surprise as the city had heard yesterday that he would not appear because of the early hour.

—Reuter.

Famine Menace In Pakistan

Washington, Apr. 16.

Senator Hubert Humphrey (Democrat, Minnesota) today appealed to high Government officials to "explore every possibility" of using United States surplus wheat to fight famine in Pakistan.

Senator Humphrey said he had sent letters to the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, and the Director of the Mutual Security Administration, Mr. Harold Stassen, proposing "urgent action".

—Reuter.

Marines To Take Part In Atomic Test "Within Minimum Margin Of Safety"

Las Vegas, Nevada, Apr. 16.

A fleet of four helicopters will unload a special brigade of Marines "as close as possible" to the next atomic blast at Yucca Flat, expected on Saturday.

The Atomic Energy Commission announced yesterday that 40 Marine Sikorsky transport helicopters will move 2,000 men to within "the minimum margin of safety" of the impending blast.

The AEC could not divulge the date of the Marine test, the sixth in the current series at the atomic proving grounds 65 miles north-west of here.

However, observers said that the blast probably would come on Saturday, because the last atomic detonation was on a Saturday. It takes a week to prepare the Yucca Flat area for an atomic blast.

The AEC said that the Marines, after being unloaded by the helicopters, would proceed on foot in a mock "atomic mop-up squad exercise." This would be as close as they would dare go toward "Ground Zero."

The blast will be directed against theoretical enemy troops. The Marines will be equipped with a device to measure radioactivity and as soon as the test

encounter a dangerous amount of radioactivity they will withdraw.

The AEC said that the Marines would be "combat equipped" but did not elaborate.

Transport helicopters, normally carry eight troops and a crew of two in addition to handling light combat vehicles and small calibre field weapons.

The Marines troops began arriving from Camp Desert near the proving grounds last Friday and reached full brigade strength yesterday. The Leathernecks came from both coasts.

The AEC specified the impending blast as the "third phase" of Project Rock V.

—United Press.

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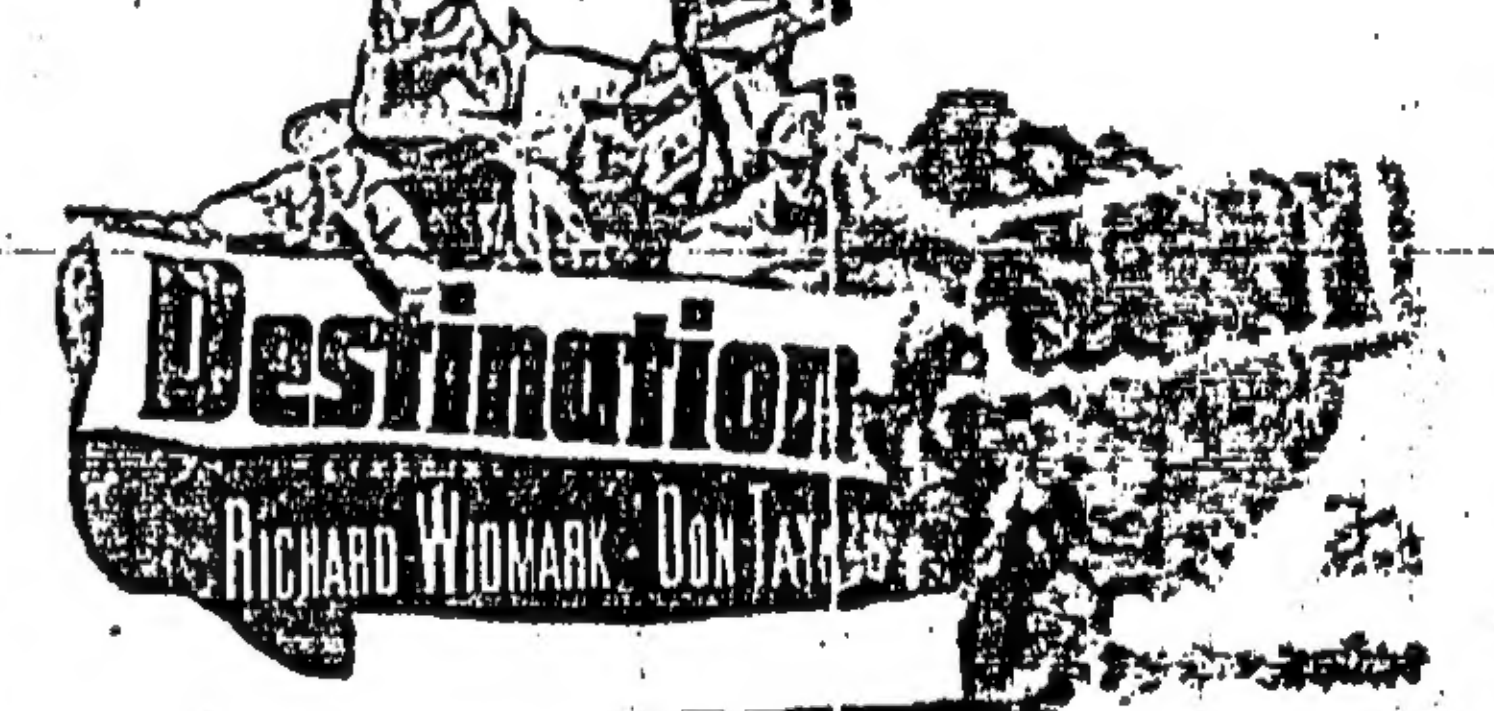
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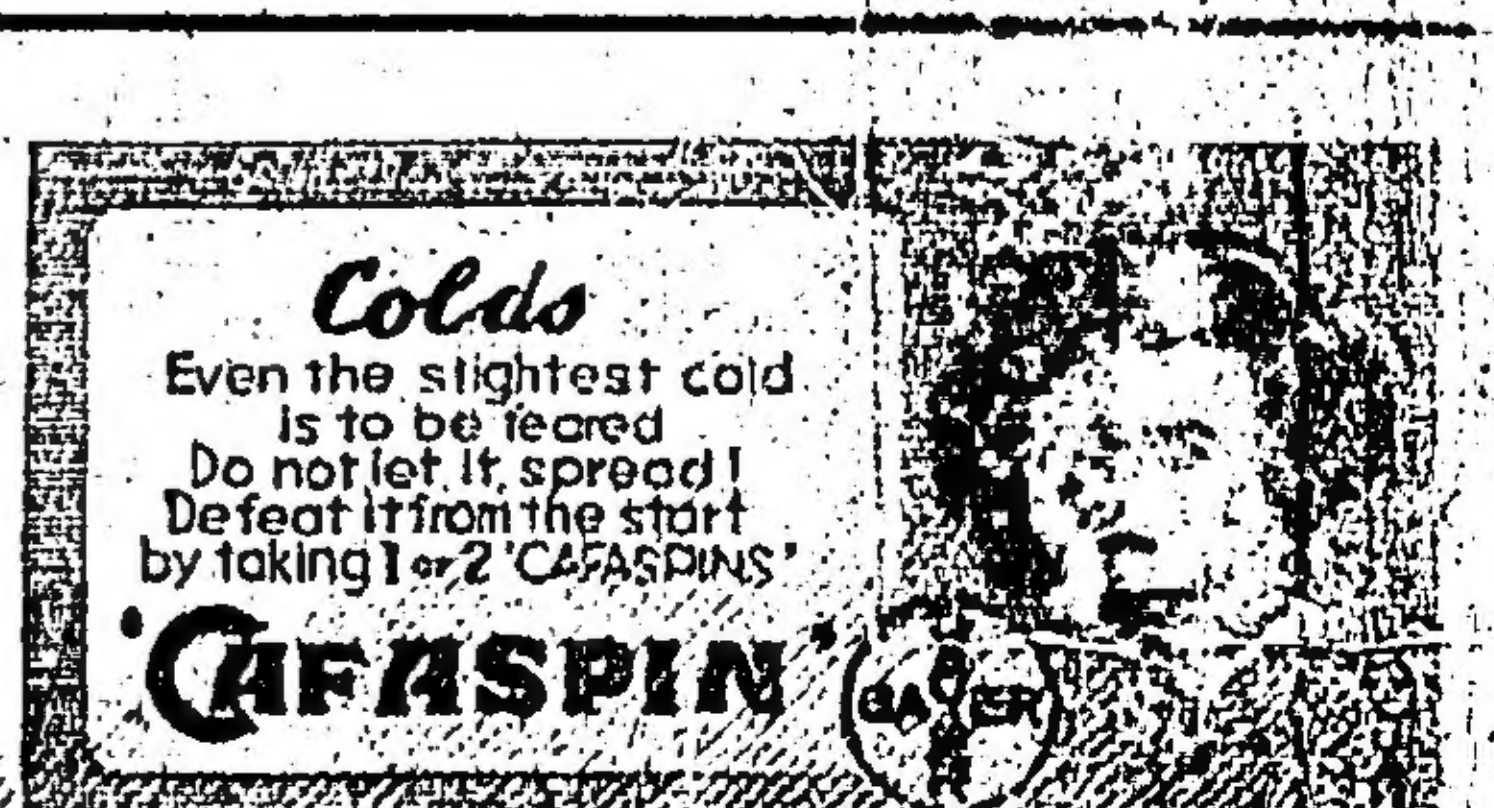
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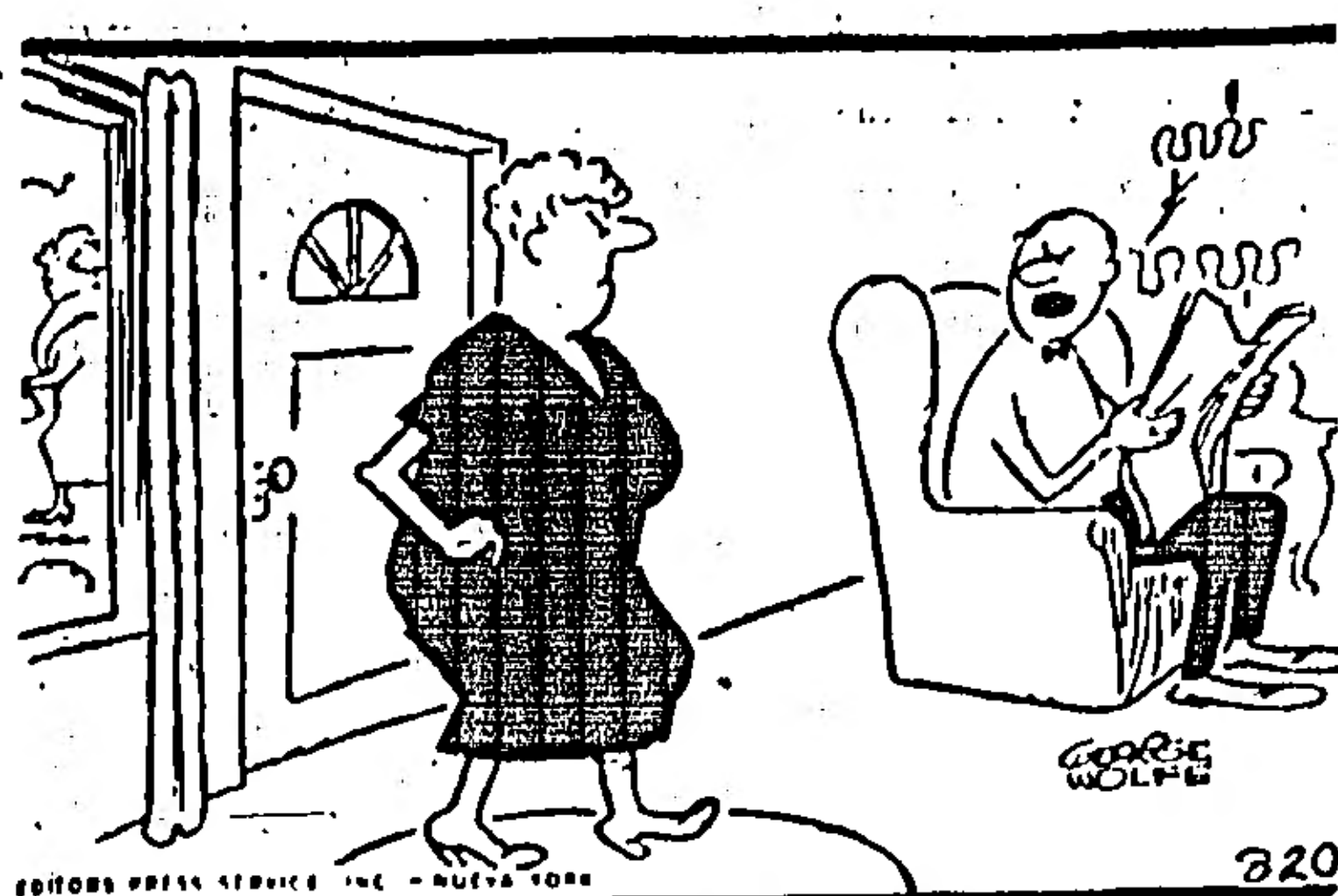
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Even the slightest cold is to be feared Do not let it spread! Defeat it from the start by taking 1 or 2 Aspirins



• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

THE difficulty of manipulating the trousercoat led to the overtrouser. This garment consisted of very long trousers, widening at the waist, and buttoning round the neck like a shirt.

It was in one piece, with no sleeves, and was based on the idea of a pair of long trousers culminated in an overcoat. The overtrouser was an overcoat culminating in a pair of short trousers. The overtrouser was a double-breasted affair with two rows of buttons at the chest, and a big flap falling from the collar to the waist. The overtrouser was a double-breasted affair with two rows of buttons at the chest, and a big flap falling from the collar to the waist. The overtrouser was a double-breasted affair with two rows of buttons at the chest, and a big flap falling from the collar to the waist.

I always think it is so important to keep the shape. A combination of the overtrouser and the trousercoat was found to end in an overtrouser, as the Marquis de l'Étoile de Fole de Morue laughingly said when he tried to open a bottle of Rousseau-Gégia with a telescope at Voltaire's.

Minnie kissed by Mayor

FROM usually ill-informed quarters comes a report that the Mayor of Spodbury has made a little kiss to a woman at a bazaar. I

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

BORN today, you have one of those restless, over-energetic minds which is always searching for something new and exciting. If you can't find it in your immediate environment, you will search the wide world over until you do. You enjoy knowledge, and you like to have that knowledge bring you power and money, as well. In fact, you're apt to learn that money often is power, so you concentrate on money first, expecting the rest to follow quite automatically.

Unless you are careful, you may be the materialistic side of your nature overweighs the intellectual and artistic. This would be a pity, for the stars have given you natural talents in the arts which it would be a pity to let go. Even if you do not enter the arts professionally, you should cultivate one as a hobby. Before it is too late, do something else, and this will, in some

degree, satisfy your desire for the fine things in life. Music will always bring you lasting joy.

You women are affectionate and busy-loving. You will be happy if you can find a man who will be your family. You are fond of children. This year you will be a mother, and will make a fine mother. You may have a hankering for children's games. He further revealed my secret. He said that the buckets are toys, but not the buckets. He said that the buckets are toys, but not the buckets. He said that the buckets are toys, but not the buckets.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) — This can be an especially pleasurable evening. Plan to have a fine time with your friends.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21) — Be friendly with those in your own community and you will find that the rewards are really worth it.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) — Consult the stars before you give any advice. You may find the bargain for which you have been hunting a long time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Take time out to pay attention to what is going on around you. It may influence your future a great deal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23) — This is a fine day for you to achieve some personal success for which you have been diligently working.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) — Best for you to stay in the back-

ground and listen carefully to what goes on around you. Don't be aggressive.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — Experimentation can give results if you go about it carefully. Don't be too sure of yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23) — Much smarter to check up on the exact facts before jumping to conclusions which could be erroneous.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23) — Be careful. You can err by depending too much upon the help of even your closest friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 23) — Guard your valuables carefully. You might make a gift to someone you love and bring happiness.

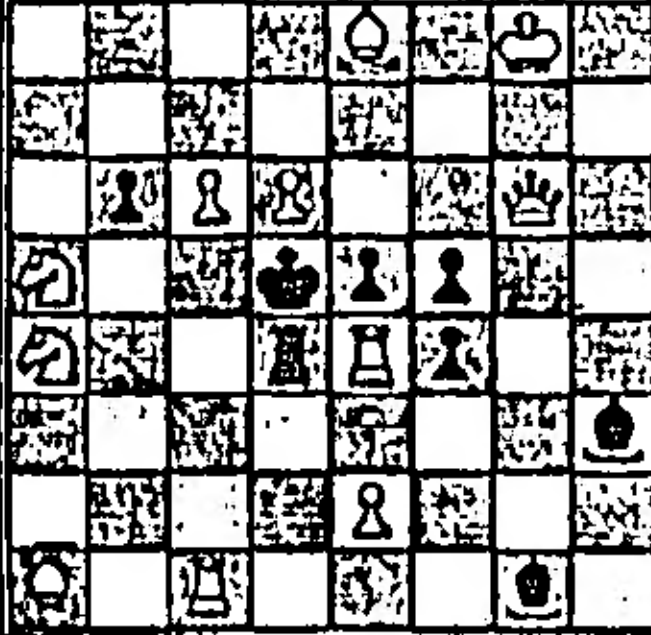
AQUARIUS (Jan. 24-Feb. 19) — There should be some news about personal affairs. Heed good business advice, too.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — In matters of great opinion, be very sure of your ground. If in doubt, consult a lawyer for good advice.

CHESS PROBLEM

By H. L. MUSAITE

Black, 8 pieces.



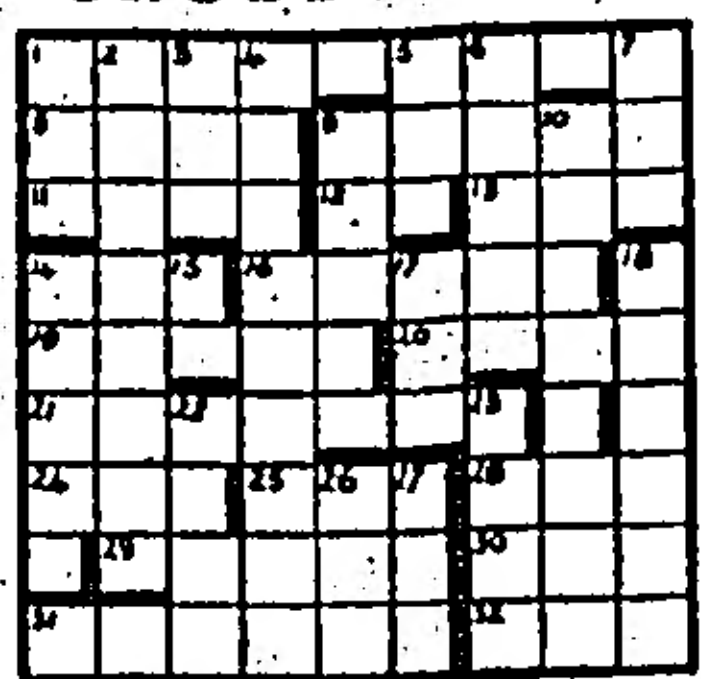
White, 11 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. BxP, any; 2. R, B, Kt, or P mates.

DUMB-BELLS



CROSSWORD



Across

1. Describes a sweet song. (9)
2. Forest trees. (10)
3. Jack a hot and cold tap. (5)
4. It's too bad if I go there. (4)
5. Preparation. (12)
6. A bird that is not a bird. (10)
7. They had them at Ascut. (6)
8. A bird that is not a bird. (10)
9. Like the long-haired boys. (4)
10. Horned fabulous beast. (7)
11. First page. (10)
12. Not here. (10)
13. Period of time. (8)
14. Street, said the O.J. (10)
15. It's a boy, of course. (8)
16. A bird that is not a bird. (10)
17. Dangerous to handle. (8)

Down

1. I think I heard pump. (8)
2. Birds and air for pleasure. (8)
3. Kind of early feather. (10)
4. A bird that is not a bird. (10)
5. Perhaps a bird that is not a bird. (10)
6. Act of a frightened horse. (10)
7. A bird that is not a bird. (10)
8. Can't twist this stuff. (14)
9. What voiceless do. (10)
10. Not them. (10)
11. Bird that is not a bird. (10)
12. Don't let the cat out of the bag. (10)
13. It's a bad way. (10)
14. A bird that is not a bird. (10)
15. A bird that is not a bird. (10)
16. A bird that is not a bird. (10)
17. A bird that is not a bird. (10)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle: Across: 1. Sweet song. 2. Forest trees. 3. Jack a hot and cold tap. 4. It's too bad if I go there. 5. Preparation. 6. A bird that is not a bird. 7. They had them at Ascut. 8. A bird that is not a bird. 9. Like the long-haired boys. 10. Horned fabulous beast. 11. First page. 12. Not here. 13. Period of time. 14. Street, said the O.J. 15. It's a boy, of course. 16. A bird that is not a bird. 17. Dangerous to handle. Down: 1. I think I heard pump. 2. Birds and air for pleasure. 3. Kind of early feather. 4. A bird that is not a bird. 5. Perhaps a bird that is not a bird. 6. Act of a frightened horse. 7. A bird that is not a bird. 8. Can't twist this stuff. 9. What voiceless do. 10. Not them. 11. Bird that is not a bird. 12. Don't let the cat out of the bag. 13. It's a bad way. 14. A bird that is not a bird. 15. A bird that is not a bird. 16. A bird that is not a bird. 17. A bird that is not a bird.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Use Winning Play Is Best Advice Here

By OSWALD JACOBY

"WHAT is the best way to play the accompanying hand?" asks a Pittsburgh correspondent. "Opinion here is sharply divided on this question."

"When the hand was actually played, declarer won the opening spade lead in dummy, drew trumps, and staked his claim on the success of the heart finesse. When this finesse lost, he was, of course, set one trick.

"The kibitzers pointed out that South could have made his contract by ruffing out the king of hearts. The winning line of play is to run the three spades immediately, discarding hearts from the South hand. Declarer then takes the ace of hearts and leads a trump to dummy.

"Declarer can enter dummy twice with trumps to ruff low hearts. When the king of hearts drops, declarer can get back to dummy with the king of diamonds to discard his losing diamond on the jack of hearts.

"What is the correct percentage play if you see only the South hand and the dummy? Do you have a better chance if

NORTH 17		EAST (D) 13	
AKQ	AKQ	AKQ	AKQ
J764	J764	J764	J764
K75	K75	K75	K75
K87	K87	K87	K87
WEST		EAST (D)	
J862	J862	AKQ	AKQ
AKQ	AKQ	J764	J764
Q832	Q832	K75	K75
A2	A2	J109	J109
SOUTH		AKQ	
AKQ	AKQ	J764	J764
J764	J764	K75	K75
K75	K75	J109	J109
North-South vul.		AKQ	
East	South	West	North
Pass	1	Pass	3 N.T.
Pass	4	Pass	5
Pass	6	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—A 2			

you take the finesse, or in general do you have a better chance if you try to ruff out the king?

This type of situation occurs fairly frequently in play, so it might be worth-while to remember a couple of figures. The chance of the missing six spades will be divided 3-3 is about 36 percent.

The chance that the king of hearts will be doubled (in case there is a 4-2 break) is about 10 percent. The combined chance is about 52 percent, which is slightly better than the straight 50 percent chance of a finesse.

It should be pointed out that it isn't completely safe to cash three top spades before drawing trumps. It is possible, although unlikely, that the opening lead is a singleton and that the second round of spades will be cashed.

This slight risk is probably offset by the chance of catching a singleton king of hearts if you play for ruffing out the king.

The decisive argument in favour of ruffing out the hearts is that you do not necessarily lose the hand if the king of hearts fails to drop. There is still a remote chance for a squeeze if one opponent happens to have the only stopper in diamonds as well as the king of hearts.

On the whole, I would say that the declarer cannot be criticised for staking his claim on the simple heart finesse. If I were playing the hand myself, however, I would play to ruff out the king of hearts.

CARD SENSES

Q—The bidding has been:

North East South West

2 Hearts Pass ?

A—Bid two no-trump. You have excellent support for hearts, and you can show that by returning to hearts at your next opportunity. If you raise hearts at once, the positive response would show that you have 7 points or more. This might seriously mislead your partner.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades Q-J-10-9-8-4, Hearts 4-2, Diamonds 6-3-2, Clubs 6-4. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

WHAT'S HIS LINE?

By LEO S. BORKEL

Re-arrange the letters to spell his occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)

WOMANSENSE



DEB DAYS

Crisp & Confident
—That's The Cue
For Young
Miss America

AMERICAN debutante Miss Sharon Follett, picked as a typical sample from a country that is famous for the fashion flair of its just-left-schoolers.

Sharon's ideas on clothes are confident, crisp, and individual—in contrast to the average British 18-year-old whose ideas are too often uncertain, messy, or Mummy's.

She knows already that she can wear either extremely full skirts with three petticoats beneath, or extremely slender skirts, always with the waist nipped small.

Naturally, at her age, she prefers the kind of clothes that are easy to get around in, but she does not let that mean clothes that are sloppy to look at.

PLEASE NOTE, you 18-year-olds, that she wears almost no jewellery, no deep-red nail varnish, no wildly swinging hair.

PLEASE NOTE that her presentation dress (left) is in two original colours—green-beige taffeta, with an auburn satin sash which crosses neatly in front and lies at the back.

PLEASE NOTE that she wears hats small and tipped back, and easy to forget after you have put them on.

PLEASE NOTE that she carries only a very small neat handbag, and she does wear gloves.

PLEASE NOTE (above) that the kind of dress she wears every day is the kind most girls could go to work in—and wear for a party afterwards.

London Express Service.



THE EVERYDAY LOOK

10-Point Plan For Buying Spring Clothes

By GAY PAULEY

New York. Find what designers or manufacturers make the best clothes for you, and ask for their labels when you shop.

Don't be driven by the fear of being seen in old clothes," she said. "If you don't have plenty of time to shop for something new, don't buy. There is nothing worse than last-minute selecting."

One, a list of needs; two, a list of buying resolutions.

Curb the urge to go on a spree," said the designer, Adele Simpson, a veteran at clothing American women. "Be guided by the same sanity you use when you order the weekly grocery supply."

Mrs Simpson drew up a 10-point plan, or list of shopping resolutions, for the woman who knows she's made fashion mistakes in the past, and hopes to avoid them in the future.

Know Yourself

Analyze what does your personality and your figure the most good," she began. "Decide whether you benefit most from line, colour or noticeable accessories."

"Have the courage to discard your mistakes—that dress that doesn't hang properly, the hat that never was the right colour—even if you sacrifice a few items from your wardrobe."

Mrs Simpson's third resolution: "Always have plenty of the 'niceties' of dress...fresh gloves, pretty handkerchiefs, attractive scarves."

Survey the "territory of fashion" before going out to buy.

"In other words," she said, "know what is new in clothes—what shapes, what colours and what fabrics are stylish."

Her seventh point: Learn to understand and respect quality. Buy the best you can afford in all clothes.

See the "whole you" as you shop. Instead of having on what Mrs Simpson called "blinders," "You buy a hat because it suits the whole you, not just your face," she said. "The same goes for a 'dress,' suit, shoes, any clothes. And when you're shopping, have respect for your husband's opinion, but don't be a slave to it."

"Allow yourself one eccentricity, but no more than one. Wear red heels on your shoes if you like, or pile one arm full of dangling bracelets."

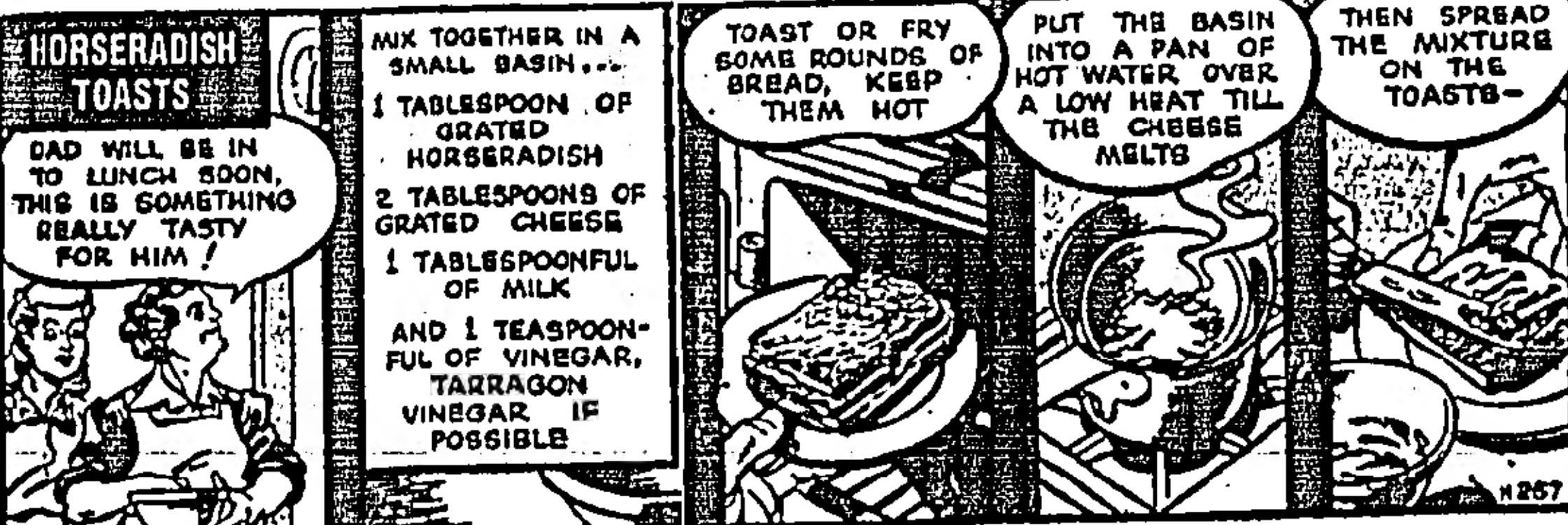
And finally keep an open mind about clothes, but don't leap at every fat that passes by. "There's always a choice in fashion, always more than one silhouette in fashion, always more than one colour that is smart," Mrs Simpson concluded.

United Press.

★ ABOVE—The dress that Sharon Follett will wear when she is presented to the Queen: Green-beige taffeta, with auburn satin sash crossed at the front.

★ ABOVE RIGHT—The type of dress that Sharon wears for every day.

Pictures by John French



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Knarf Takes A Balloon Ride

—It Was Fun Until It Came to a Sudden End—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-down name, sat down next to his sister Hanid.

"My goodness," said Hanid, when she looked at her brother. "Where've you been? Your clothes are all torn! Your nose is all scratched. Did you have a fight with a cat?"

Knarf shook his head. "I just had a balloon ride," he said.

"A balloon ride? Where?"

"Up," said Knarf, "and then down!"

Whole Story

Hanid now demanded Knarf to tell her the whole story from beginning to end. Then Knarf began.

"I was walking in the park. I saw an old lady with a large

bunch of balloons. She was holding them by their strings. I was looking at them, when all at once I heard one of the balloons say: 'If you're thinking of buying one of us, young man, I advise you not to buy me. I'm going to fly off. I've been standing here long enough. Good-bye!'

"At that," said Knarf, "I suddenly tugged at its string and tried to break loose. Just as it was about to get away, I grabbed hold of the string. The next instant it rose straight up into the air. The old lady shouted: 'Oh, my balloon! Come back! But it didn't come back. It went sailing off. But I kept tight hold of the string. I went sailing off with it.'

"Just then," Knarf went on, "we came to the pond, and the balloon said: 'This is the ocean. Now I'm going to cross it.'

"'It's only the pond,' I said. 'The ocean is much, much wider than this pond. The ocean is enormous.'

"But the balloon paid no attention to me. It was sure the pond was the ocean. So it started to sail across it. But then it began to get tired. It started sinking toward the

Policeman jumped up.

"My goodness!" exclaimed Hanid. "What happened then?"

Rupert and Morwenna—25



While the two friends pause uncertainly there, a scratching noise and in a pause at one side of the cave there appears a familiar figure. "Oh, how awful it's that giant crab!" whispers Rupert. "We can't escape him now!" But a change had come over the fierce creature. It gazed and looks at them, lastly waving its claws and its whiskers in an almost friendly fashion, before turning and scrambling away. "Good gracious! I do believe it's becoming us!" gasps the little boy. "Come on, let's follow."

A new
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How To Keep Your Sun Lamp Clean

By ELEANOR ROSS

How to care for your sun lamp?

Well, for one thing, it should be kept clean as can be. The reflector should be dusted frequently to keep it dust-free, and should also be polished occasionally with whatever metal polish is suitable for it.

Cleaning the Bulb

The bulb in a mercury-type lamp should get a monthly cleaning, and this, of course, should be done when the lamp is cold and the bulb disconnected. Use a clean cloth moistened with denatured alcohol, never soap and water. Do not handle the bulb, otherwise oil will be left on it, and once the job is finished, the bulb should be screwed in securely.

The same thing goes for a carbon lamp. Carbons should be replaced when they have burned down to one-quarter of their original length. Soot forms in carbon lamps, and this should be cleaned away with a soft brush or soft cloth.

Unpainted Furniture

One reader wants to know just what to look for when selecting unpainted wooden furniture. She had an idea that all such merchandise was more or less of the same quality, and that the main job was finishing it.

Well, that isn't so. We asked a manufacturer, and he told us that there are varying grades. He advises shoppers to make sure that joints of such furniture are tight and neatly made, if the pieces are to last. Also, look for a uniform grain pattern and colour, if the finish is to be very light.

Sandpapered Surface

If not already prepared or if this is not well done, the surface should be carefully sandpapered and then thoroughly dusted off. A final treatment of paste wax, rubbed down, the manufacturer told us, will make all the difference in the final appearance. Or a combination of stain and wax may be used.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1953.

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Notice to Shareholders

Notice is hereby given that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office of the Society, Union Building, Hongkong, on Thursday, 21st May 1953 at 11.30 a.m., to receive the Directors' Report and the Statement of Accounts, to declare a dividend and to transact the ordinary business of the Society.

The Share Transfer Books of the Society will be closed from 2nd May to 21st May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, L. B. STONE, General Manager.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1953.

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Hongkong, 14th April, 1953.

Jet Photo Planes Being Developed For R.A.F.

London, Apr. 16. Jet photo-reconnaissance aircraft are being developed for the Royal Air Force to keep pace with the new high-speed fighters and bombers now in production for frontline squadrons.

Three new types are to be produced—a short-range fighter reconnaissance aircraft, a medium-range type based on the Canberra bomber, and a long-range machine.

The short-range fighter will be a version of the supersonic Vickers Swift. It will replace the Meteor "PR" types now in service with the 2nd Tactical Air Force in Europe.

It last-war practice is followed, and these small photographic aircraft are unarmed, then it should be possible for the new jet to make a shallow dive at speeds faster than sound—which would help in evading enemy aircraft.

The medium-range English Electric Canberra "PR" aircraft is already in quantity production, and will be joining photo-reconnaissance squadrons under the operational control of Bomber Command later this year. The long-range "PR" force will be equipped with a type developed to match the new V class of jet bomber (the Vulcan, Victor and Valiant). It will be a version of the Vickers Valiant. Aerial photographic aircraft—the "eyes" of the strike force—must be able to fly to the heart of defended enemy territory. And this is only possible if the PR aircraft can outmatch the enemy's frontline types.

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It means that aircraft may have to fly far faster and higher than was necessary or possible 10 years ago, and over twice the distance.

This in turn calls for new equipment in the aircraft. The new cameras now in production for high-altitude work have twice the focal length, up to 48 inches, of previous models.

They have to take pictures so rapidly that no exposure alone is quick enough to get a clear picture. There has to be an

"Image-compensator" inside the camera to prevent blurring. Low-level photography has also been greatly speeded-up. Cameras now in production for this work have an exposure time of one 2,000th of a second, and will take eight pictures a second with perfect clarity.

New Plant In Philippines

New York, Apr. 16. Textile exporters are watching the progress of a new plant in the Philippines. The experiment of Oscar Kohorn & Co. Ltd., in building a completely integrated unit could lead to further shrinkage in their markets.

The plant, which will be owned by industrialist Amado Araneta, will cost about \$30,000,000 and, when completed on 1,500 acres of land, will have a church, school, 800 houses, and all facilities of a modern community. The Negro Occidental plant will use a new process to produce rayon from bagasse, the waste product of sugar cane, instead of wood pulp. The plant will make filament and rayon staple from which will be manufactured a wide variety of products.

If the experiment succeeds it may lead to similar establishments in other countries where there are large supplies of bagasse and which now import most of their textiles. Associated Press.

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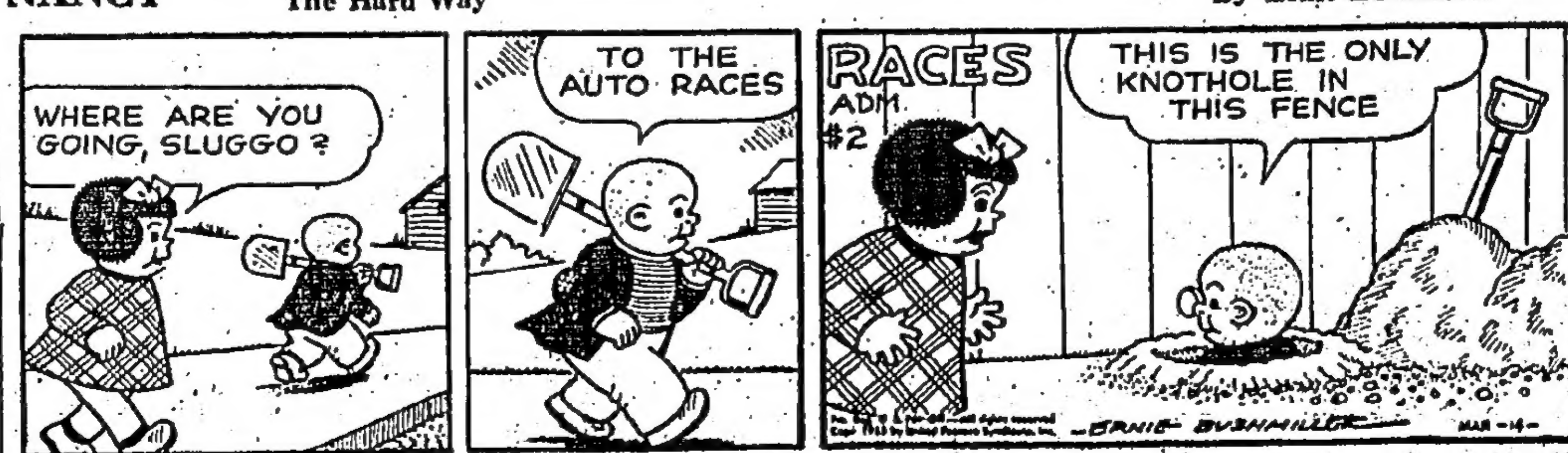
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THE NAVY'S 'COPTER PROJECT

London, Apr. 16.

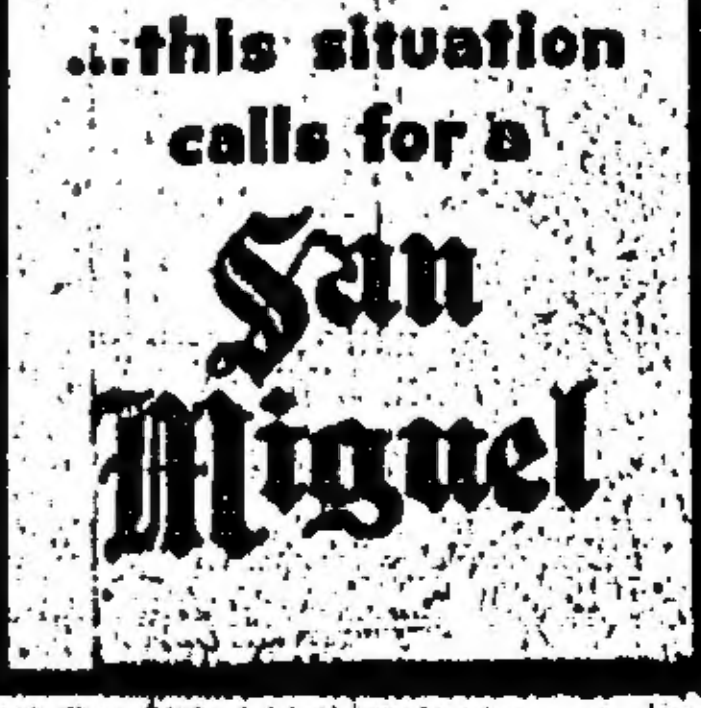
The Royal Navy is planning to develop helicopters for anti-submarine patrols—not only for search-work, but also for offensive strikes against an enemy. The type used will probably be an adaptation of an existing design.

It is intended to have the helicopters on board ship, and fly them off to comparatively short-range patrols. The longer-range patrols will be flown by the Gannett turboprop carrier-borne aircraft and by shore-based planes.

Details of the helicopter's search and strike technique are secret. So is the equipment they will carry. They will fit into the new pattern of anti-submarine warfare developed by the Navy for its sub-hunting ships. This includes a guided torpedo, an electronic mortar, and a new Sonobuoy—a device which is dropped into the water and sends out signals which indicate the position of any submarine in their path.

The Navy already has a small number of helicopters at sea. Each aircraft carrier at present has one and will soon have two. Trials made with a small, single-engine vessel in 1951 indicated that the use of helicopters need not be confined to carriers.

It was found to be quite practical to fit a small flight deck on an ordinary merchant vessel and base a helicopter on that. In an emergency it would therefore be possible to convert merchant ships to helicopter carriers, so that each convoy could carry its own safeguard in the form of a helicopter sub-hunter. It would be a more economical and efficient system than the present expedient of carrying an expendable fighter on a transport.



Agitation In America For Government Aid To Tramp Shipping

P.I.-Japan Trade Prospects

Manila, Apr. 16. The Secretary of Commerce and Industry, Cornelio Balmaceda, said today that the volume of trade between the Philippines and Japan can be further increased, perhaps doubled or even more.

Mr. Balmaceda said: "Despite the fact that the Japanese peace treaty still remains to be ratified by the Senate, Japan today is the No. 2 buyer of Philippine products in the world and the No. 2 supplier of our needs, surpassed only by the United States."

He added "Japan gets easily the biggest share of Philippine overseas trade in Asia."

Mr. Balmaceda pointed out that Philippine-Japanese post-war trade began in 1947 and indicated point to the possibility of increasing trade between the two countries.

Last year, he said, Philippine exports to Japan totalled more than 75,000,000 pesos and imports from Japan totalled less than 35,000,000 pesos which shows a favourable trade balance of more than 40,000,000 pesos.

Philippine-Japanese trade is going on under the barter agreement originally concluded in 1950 and which has been renewed periodically.

The Commerce Secretary said, however, that the Philippines Government is doing all it can to promote trade with Japan.

"Japan greatly desires to have a steady flow of raw materials from this country and on the other hand the Philippines is desirous of cushioning the impact of the forthcoming termination of her free trade with the United States by seeking other markets or widening those already established like those of Japan."

—United Press.

New York Sugar Futures
New York, Apr. 16. World Number 4 sugar futures today closed 2 points lower to 1 point higher with sales totalling 413 contracts. No. 6 closed unchanged to 5 points higher with sales totalling 861 contracts.

Realising pressure and hedge selling following Wednesday's unusually sharp rise dominated dealings in the world market maintaining a firm tone in the meantime. Buyer buying and short covering ruled domestic futures at the close.

Contract No. 4 (world)
May 258 nominal
July 259 bid
September 260 bid
October 262 nominal
January 270
March 275 bid
May 280 nominal
Spot 258

Contract No. 6
May 508-510
July 514-515
September 517 bid
November 520 bid
March 525 nominal
Spot 508

—United Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET
London, Apr. 16. The tin market was very steady. Turnover was 100 tons including 15 tons for cash. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:

Spot tin, buyers 730
Spot tin, sellers 735
Business done at 730-735
Three-months tin, buyers 720
Three-months tin, sellers 725
Business done at 720-725
Settlement 730

—United Press.

JAPANESE BONDS
London, Apr. 16. Japanese bonds
"A" (4% of 1899) 82
"B" (4% of 1910) 73
"C" (5% of 1907) 127½
"D" (5% of 1924) 103
"E" (5½% of 1930) 100-3/10
Consols 100-3/10

—United Press.

Whatever else may be said about the newly-formed American Tramp Shipowners' Association, it is certainly an articulate and ambitious organisation, says the Liverpool Journal of Commerce.

Its latest move is to ask for a written guarantee that U.S. Government-owned vessels now in service will be returned to the "mothball fleet" as soon as they have served their present purpose with the Military Sea Transport Service.

Big Sales Of Wheat To Britain

London, Apr. 17. While the future of the international wheat agreement is in the melting pot, abnormally big sales of Canadian wheat to Britain were disclosed today.

During the week ended April 10, Canada sold almost exactly 1,000,000 metric tons under the agreement, an unprecedented figure for a single week. It equals almost two months of Canada's export quota.

Britain, who has refused to renew the agreement at the price demanded by the exporting nations, got the lion's share, 873,000 tons, Reuter.

ANALYSIS OF ASIAN ECONOMY

Manila, Apr. 16. The Philippine Central Bank Governor, Miguel Cuaderno, analysing the ills of the South-East Asian economy, said that the development of this part of the world was being stifled by the following factors:

(1) The paralyzing effects of the centuries - old colonial economy.
(2) The predominantly agrarian economy.
(3) The lack of a domestic currency.

(4) Inadequate foreign exchange coupled with trade barriers set up by the currency blocs.
(5) The "blight of invasions".

Addressing the "Town Meeting of South-East Asia," Mr. Cuaderno said that the type of economy in South-East Asia was highly vulnerable to trade developments of the outside world. The lack of foreign exchange and inadequate income, he said, limited the desire of the South-East Asian countries to diversify their economy.

"Dollars alone are not enough to enable our respective governments to implement their economic mobilisation programmes," Mr. Cuaderno said, and urged the South-East Asian countries to boost their own currencies. —France-Press.

The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Apr. 16. Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb. 67½-68½
May 67½-68½
July 67½-68½
September 67½-68½
Number 2 rubber, May 61½-62½
Number 3 rubber, May 59½-60½
Sheet rubber, May 61-63
Blanket crepe 75-80
No. 2 pale crepe 75-80

—United Press.

LONDON MARKET
London, Apr. 16. The rubber market was slightly easier today. Prices closed as follows:

Number 1 rubber 70½-71½
May 70½-71½
July 70½-71½
September 70½-71½
October/December 70½-71½
January/March 70½-71½

—United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET
New York, Apr. 16. Prices of No. 1 rubber futures closed today 45 to 51 points lower with sales of 85 contracts. No. 3 standard contract closed nominally 25 points lower with no sales reported.

Liquidation and hedge selling with lower cables upset futures prices. Dealers reported a quiet situation in the spot market. Prices closed as follows:

NO. 1 Standard
May 23½
July 23½
September 23½
December 23½
January/March 23½
May 23½

This request is unlikely to be met. Nor, it would seem, are the three main objectives of the association, which are—
(1) the sponsoring and support of legislation for a subsidy for U.S. tramp shipping;
(2) the right to form conferences similar to those now employed by the majority of liner companies; and
(3) the retention of protective clauses, such as the 50-50 rule, with demands that at least 50 per cent of all U.S. foreign-aid tonnage be carried in U.S. ships.

BLACK OUTLOOK
Mr. F. Riker Clark, one of the leaders of the tramp section of the U.S. shipping industry, has stated that whilst present conditions for tramps are better than they have been, the outlook for the future is "very black," and that many foreign tramp ships with far lower operating costs than their U.S. counterparts, are idle, which is, he remarked the other day, "a further indication of the hopeless position of the U.S. tramp industry."

In this case it may be considered surprising that the Tramp Shipowners' Association are so keen to obtain Government financial assistance, not only to keep the present small fleet of tramps in commission, but presumably to employ more ships. It is safe to assume, if foreign owners cannot keep their tramp ships employed, the Americans will not be able to do so even with an operating subsidy.

Actually, there are few tramps laid-up just now because they cannot obtain employment, so in this regard Mr. Clark has been misinformed.

AN EXAGGERATION
As to the future, it would seem to be an exaggeration to consider that the outlook is other than uncertain, but it has hardly ever been otherwise in the peace-time years of the present century.

What is certain, however, is that if the U.S. Government were to subsidise American tramp shipping it would seriously affect the dollar-earning capacity of a number of European countries—not the least being Britain, which still operates the largest tramp fleet in the world despite the decline in recent years and under much of the good which has been done by the United States in redressing adverse trade balances is concerned.

It is easy to lose sight of the fact that European tramp ships look to the American export trade in grain and other commodities for much of their employment, and if this traffic were to be further reduced it would have serious consequences.

"With respect to the formation in America of tramp conferences," the Journal of Commerce says, "We consider that they are out of the question, and cannot in any case visualise what form they might take."

Grain Prices In Chicago
Chicago, Apr. 16. Chicago grains and other leading commodities were quiet in mixed dealings. Wheat felt the effect of the continued slow export demand plus the promise of rains over the southwest.

Wheat closed today off ½ to 1 cent. Prices closed as follows:

Wheat—price per bushel
Spot 1.19½-1.20½
May 1.19½-1.20½
July 1.19½-1.20½
September 1.19½-1.20½
December 1.19½-1.20½

—United Press.

Corn
Spot 1.19½-1.20½
May 1.19½-1.20½
July 1.19½-1.20½
September 1.19½-1.20½
December 1.19½-1.20½

—United Press.

Rye
Spot 1.19½-1.20½
May 1.19½-1.20½
July 1.19½-1.20½
September 1.19½-1.20½
December 1.19½-1.20½

—United Press.

Oats
Spot 1.19½-1.20½
May 1.19½-1.20½
July 1.19½-1.20½
September 1.19½-1.20½
December 1.19½-1.20½

—United Press.

Copra Quotation
New York, Apr. 16. Copra was quoted today at \$227.50 per short ton, asked, c.i.f. the Pacific Coast. Coconut oil was quoted at 16½ cents a pound, asked. —United Press.

Tourist Franc As Bait?

Paris, Apr. 16. The French Government is considering the creation of a "tourist franc" to make holidays in France cheaper for foreign tourists, a Ministry of Finance spokesman said tonight. He said a preferential exchange rate for tourists was being considered as part of the Government's new financial measures but details had not yet been worked out.

The Pound sterling rose to 1,090 francs on the unofficial market—the highest rate since March last year. The Pound, whose official rate is 880 francs, stood at 1,085 yesterday. The dollar also went up to 420 francs for the first time since April last. Its official rate is 355 francs. —Reuter.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)
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Canton 250
Union 700

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Union 700
HSB Bank 1395

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Union 700
HSB Bank 1395

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Union 700
HSB Bank 1395

COTTONS
Canton 250
Union 700
HSB Bank 1395

MISCELLANEOUS
Canton 250
Union 700
HSB Bank 1395

—United Press.

Slow Day In N.Y. Cotton

New York, Apr. 16. Cotton trading today went through another slow and uneventful session. Prices showed an overture of steadiness, floating just above the previous closing levels through most of the day, then settled back at the final hour on day trader liquidation.

The list closed unchanged to 2 points lower. The market opened up 1 to 2 points. Evening up in May delivery continued to be a leading feature along with a routine demand for old crop months by domestic mills and exporters.

Spot interest sought to buy May and end July at discounts out to 21 points.

President Eisenhower's speech was followed with considerable interest by the trade via radio and television but had no marked effect. Traders said that no matter how laudable and constructive the Chief Executive's proposals are, "we will have to wait now and see what reaction, if any, will come from Russia."

During the course of the address, cotton trading came to a practical halt. The failure of the official March consumption figure to meet trade estimates was a source of disappointment.

Prices closed today as follows:

Spot 33.25-33.50
May 33.25-33.50
July 33.25-33.50
September 33.25-33.50
December 33.25-33.50

—United Press.

KEEPING CLOSE WATCH ON METAL PRICES

Indicators Of U.S. Economic Trend

New York, Apr. 16. Metal prices often are the last to take the down road. But when they do they often go surprisingly fast and far.

So today U.S. businessmen are watching the shifts in metal prices closely to see if they will put the official confirmation on the end of inflation and the start of deflation so long expected.

And consumers watch metal prices because they affect a long list of things from cars, household appliances, tin cans, and fences to safety pins.

The picture to date is far from clearcut. Today we find lead and zinc prices weak. Tin prices are skidding spectacularly. Copper prices have slipped and further drops are freely predicted in the trade for later this year. But at the same time steel executives are talking about a price increase in that basic metal.

Demand for most of the metals has remained high. But supplies have been increasing. And foreign producers can no longer dictate as they have since the start of the Korean war. Now foreign speculators are beginning to unload—partly as a result of the Kremlin's peace talk.

Steel executives feel that their metal has the brightest prospect just now of staying in high demand for months to come. Their output in the first three months of 1953 set a record of 28,811,377 tons, up 7 per cent from the previous year.

INDUSTRIALIST'S VIEW
Benjamin F. Fairless, Chairman of U.S. Steel, says shrinking profits in the last 12 years due to government controls and rising taxes has given the industry a case of "financial malnutrition" which it must quickly move to correct.

E.T. Weir, Chairman of National Steel, says prices are too low and must be raised if the industry is to attract more investors and be ready for further expansion.

While observers are debating how long any possible steel price increase could be made to stick if the general economy should go into the decline zone are predicting they see a different immediate picture in some other metals.

Tin prices have slipped just below \$1 a pound, for prompt delivery. Tin for May delivery was quoted at 98 cents, a drop of five cents. The price had been \$1.21½ until two weeks ago.

TRADE PREDICTION
Dealers blame Korean peace talks and the prospects that world tin production this year may top demand.

While buyers' market is on the way in copper, trade sources predict, although the demand is still high.

Since the Korean war started the world price has been set by foreign producers. The United States has been importing around 35,000 tons a month above what its own mines can produce. So Chile was able to demand and get 36½ cents a pound.

Now copper is being offered from Africa, Yugoslavia, Turkey and even West Germany, some of it as low as 32 cents a pound, delivered in New York.

Domestic mines are selling at 30 cents and can sell all they produce for that at least through May. Later on, trade sources say, the price may drop to 28 or 27 cents. Some say it may go still lower.

This expectation, some say, may be why the U.S. government has stopped buying copper for the stockpile. Increased foreign offerings are expected.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Father's Day

HIS wife died nine months ago, leaving him in sole charge of three children, aged then 11 years, nine years and seven. And he loved his children.

Life would have been greatly simplified had he felt some emotion less than love for these children, two boys and a girl. It is just been affection that he felt, or the mild interest many fathers show. But he loved them. So when their mother died, he put his own heartbreak aside, and set about the enormous job of trying to be to his children both father and mother.

Various authorities and charitable organizations would have taken over the children. The father thanked them for their offers, and said he would manage somehow by himself. He worked all day for a while, and then he came back from his work in the evening to his wife's children. He put his children to bed, then started on his housework. The week-ends he spent mostly in dealing with the family wash.

IN THE PLOT

HIS name was, and is, Albert. He is a sandy-haired man of 38, and his record is not quite clear; 14 years ago, before his marriage, he went to prison for 18 days, in punishment for a 23 fine for embezzlement which he could not raise. But he fought all through the war and came out with an exemplary character, and he has behaved himself since.

Once you have been convicted of crime perhaps your scruples begin to rot a bit, and for ever after you are susceptible to the complaints of others. If you have suffered some tropical disease, you may for ever be susceptible to allied complaints that can be caught outside the tropics. The contagion of crime bent over backwards to get Albert again. A lorry-driver, who drove loads of chocolate around London, and a boy of 17, who was one of Albert's workmates, included him in a lorry plot which, had everything gone well, could not have rewarded any of them with much more than £10 apiece.

The plot was hatched, and Albert, with the other two, pleaded guilty a day later, at Tower Bridge Court, to being concerned with them in stealing 25 boxes of chocolate, worth £31.

'FOR THE CHILDREN'

The police told the story, and Miss Sybil Campbell, from the Bench, eyed the three in the dock. The police said of the boy, who was a 17-year-old, grew a handsome moustache. "He is due to have his medical examination for National Service next week." They outlined the life stories of each of the trio.

When the police had done, Miss Campbell invited the three to speak. Each had a story to spin. "I was silly," said the boy. "I succumbed to temptation," said the driver.

"I was silly," said Albert. "But I promise you I did it for the children. A few extra quid would be so useful for their clothes, and this seemed an easy

way to get it. My life's a matter of just existing, you know, seeing to the children."

NO RETURN

"It is not only silly, this," said Miss Campbell. "It is wrong." She glanced at her notes. "I should like further inquiries made," she said. She adjourned the case for a week.

The boy the remanded on bail, so that he might attend for his National Service medical examination. The driver and Albert were remanded in custody.

That night, his children would wonder why he had not come home. Officials would soon explain to them how things were.

Chinese Launch Sharp Attacks

Tokyo, Apr. 17.

The Chinese slammed sharp attacks against six Allied outposts on the west Korean front last night, aiming their heaviest ones at positions near Old Baldy at the mouth of the Seoul invasion corridor.

The Eighth Army reported company-sized attacks by some 200 men each against Parktop and Arden Hills next to Old Baldy. Intense artillery fire preceded the attacks.

The fighting was reported to be tapering off early today.

The US Seventh Division lost Old Baldy last month in some of the bloodiest fighting of the year. The strategic knob is west of Choson and 30 miles northwest of Pannunjom.

Early reports identified only one other target of the Chinese attacks—Alligator Jaw, also in the Old Baldy sector.

The closeness of the Allied and Communist positions since the loss of Baldy had been a point of constant friction.

In the air, meanwhile, a California jet ace who was shot down last Sunday and rescued, took to the sky again and downed a MIG on Thursday—United Press.

Peron Orders Clean-Up

Buenos Aires, Apr. 16.

President Juan Peron today instructed provincial governors to start a big clean-up within the party and administration "to protect decent men against calumny and slander."

He was speaking at the close of a three-day conference of provincial governors held annually at Government House.

"There is no doubt there is an organized movement to discredit the Government," he said. "In face of stiff and violent opposition which refuses to accept the normal political tolerance we must use the same methods they employ," he said—Reuter.

More Troops Arrive In Kenya



Royal Air Force Transport Command aircraft recently landed at Eastleigh airport, Nairobi, with men of the 38th Brigade Headquarters Staff. Picture shows the first detachment on arrival at the airport. The party was greeted with a gift of 1,400 bottles of beer from a local brewery.

Soldiers Remanded For Trial

Two British soldiers, L/Cpl George Robert Douthwaite, 24, of Swanton, Scarborough, and Trooper Douglas Derrick Dalton, 19, of Southampton, both attached to Headquarters, 34 Infantry Brigade, New Territories, appeared on an indictment for murder before Mr Justice C. W. Reece, Puisne Judge, in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Both are accused of the murder of a woman, Ho Sze-mui, a NAAFI employee, whose body was found in a ditch off the motor road leading from the Fanling Cross Road to Sok Kong on the afternoon of December 23 last.

Mr Charles E. Loseby, QC, instructed by Mr A.M.L. Soares, appeared for Douthwaite, while Mr D.A.L. Wright, instructed by Mr W.C.R. Carr, represented Dalton.

Both accused were remanded for trial.

It was later learned that Douthwaite and Dalton will appear before a Judge of the Supreme Court at 10 a.m. next Monday.

Soldier Tells False Story

Leslie Morrison, a 19-year-old Sapper of 50 Field Squadron, RE, fell into the nullah at Nullah Road on Good Friday. A passer-by saw the incident and called the Fire Brigade who pulled him out.

Morrison alleged that someone had knocked him on the head and robbed him of £40 and a wrist-watch. He was taken to the 33 General Hospital, where the Medical Officer could find no signs of injuries.

This morning Morrison appeared before Mr T. Creedon in Kowloon, charged with causing a public mischief, and was fined \$15.

Det. Sub-Inspr. F. Indage-Buckingham, prosecuting, told the Court that enquiries had revealed that the defendant and a friend had gone out drinking that day, and when the accused emerged from the bar, he was drunk and without a cent in his pockets, and therefore could not have been robbed.

Consular Appointments

The Government Gazette stated this morning that the Queen's Exequatur has received Her Majesty's signature empowering Mr Chang-Jun Park to act as Consul-General for Korea in the Colony. Mr Arthur W. Burton Kitain and Mr John S. MacCracken to act as Vice-Consuls for the United States of America at Hongkong.

His Excellency the Governor has recognised Senhor Guilherme Margarido de Castilho as Consul for Portugal at Hongkong and Monsieur Hassan Nureldin as Consul-General for Turkey in London, provisionally, and pending the issue of Her Majesty's Exequatur.

Defendant Questioned On Contracts

Further cross-examination of the second defendant took place before Mr Justice T. J. Gould in the Supreme Court this morning in the action for alleged breach of contract involving Indian raw cotton.

The second defendant, Pirosha Kaval, formerly of K. S. Pavri and Sons, of 32 Wyndham Street (named as the first defendant), was questioned by Senior Counsel for the plaintiff on various transactions and contracts relating to the case.

COUNTERCLAIM

The defendants deny plaintiff's allegations, and counterclaim for damages amounting to \$80,000, caused through plaintiff's alleged failure to complete two contracts for 1,000 and 200 bales of cotton, thereby necessitating defendants to sell the cotton at a loss.

Under cross-examination by Mr d'Almada this morning, Pavri agreed that in his counterclaim he was alleging that Mogra owed him \$80,000 in respect of goods which he sold pursuant to the plaintiff's directions. That was an account of sales which had been concluded by the end of September 1946, he added.

Further questioning, defendant admitted that on October 22, 1946, he had written a letter to the plaintiff's solicitors concerning the cotton bales. In the letter, it was suggested that Mogra had acted in breach of a contract by selling cotton bales without plaintiff's authority, as a consequence of which plaintiff had suffered loss.

18 Die In Two Chicago Fires

Chicago, Apr. 16. At least 18 people died in two fires today and 20 workers remained unaccounted for in a factory in which one of the fires started.

One fire spread through a five-story factory building, killing at least 14 people. The other, two miles away, was in a block of flats where four people are known to have died, two of them children.

Both fires were fanned by a 30-m.p.h. on-hour wind. Reuter.

Senna Seeds Dispute: Judgment Awarded To Plaintiffs

Judgment for \$17,710, damages for conversion of 322 bags (about 556 piculs) of senna seeds was awarded by Mr Justice Gould at the Supreme Court this morning to the Zung Fu Co., of 6 Queen's Road Central, plaintiffs in an action against Wo Loong Hing godown keepers of 43 Des Voeux Road West.

Plaintiffs were represented by Mr Oswald Cheung (instructed by Mr P. A. L. Vico) and defendants by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi (instructed by M. A. da Silva and Co.).

The senna seeds were originally stored in defendants' godowns in July, 1950 by the Victor Company. At the end of that month the plaintiffs loaned Victor Co. \$20,000 and received as security the godown warrant endorsed in blank by the Victor Co.

Plaintiffs claimed that the godown sold the bags on behalf of Victor Co., without reference to them.

Defendants' explanation was that at the request of Victor Co., they had obtained a release of the goods from the Bank of China by guaranteeing payment of the Bank's bill of \$16,500 in respect of this and when the Bank pressed for the money the bags were sold.

In his judgment Mr Justice Gould held that the plaintiffs did loan money to Victor Co., and that there was such guarantee in respect of the Bank's bill.

He found that on August 16 when the plaintiffs took delivery of 30 bags of the seeds after the loan was due and unpaid, they did not request the defendants to acknowledge them as the persons to whose disposal the goods were held. This they would have been entitled to do, but they relied on an order from the Victor Company. After receiving part of the evidence, the judge remarked that the manager of the Victor Co. Wu, had embarked upon a course of conduct, obviously fraudulent.

HEAVILY IN FAVOUR

He found that the balance of probabilities were heavily in favour of the plaintiffs and said he accepted their evidence in preference to that of the defendants. After September 8, defendants were well aware that the godown warrant had been endorsed to and was held by plaintiffs, yet they paid the proceeds of the sale of the bags in so far as they exceeded the amount of their guarantee to the Victor Co. He could only infer that the defendants were willing to advance any story which they thought would serve them, he said.

Mr Justice Gould held there was no tortious act by defendants to the plaintiffs in respect of the remaining bags on September 8 and that the defendants acknowledged that they were wrong in putting an endorsement on the warrant relating to the guarantee to the Bank. This acknowledgment indicated that the plaintiffs' rights were to be regarded as having priority. The production of the warrant and consent of

the plaintiffs was to be requisite before any cargo was released.

As there was sufficient attornment, the fact that no new entry was made in the books of the defendants was not material in the circumstances, said the Judge. The same result would follow if the case be considered from the point of estoppel—the defendants were estopped from denying that they continued to hold the goods for the plaintiffs.

The Judge said that he found the better opinion would be that the attornment related to the whole of the remaining cargo covered by the warrant and not to just sufficient goods to cover the sum of \$20,000 due to the plaintiffs.

In view of the facts, he added, certain submissions made by Counsel as to the legal nature and effect of the godown warrant became irrelevant and it was unnecessary for him to express any opinion on them.

ADJOURNED TO NEXT SESSIONS

Wong Yuet-han, 38, of 1 Lee Yuen Street West, first floor, was arraigned before Mr Justice C. W. Reece, Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning on a charge of using an instrument to procure a miscarriage.

The Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, instructed by d'Almada and Mason, appeared for the accused. He said that Mr O. V. Cheung was with him in the defence of the accused.

Counsel said that dates which previously appeared to be available to him were not now so available and he applied for the case to be adjourned to the Sessions.

Mr G. R. Sneath, Crown Counsel, who appeared for the Prosecution, offered no objection.

Granting the application, Mr Justice Reece fixed the trial provisionally for June 1, 4 and 5.

Accused, who is on bail, was granted an extension of her bail until the first day of the next Criminal Sessions.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 4.30 p.m. Air Viet-Nam. Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A. (Seattle & Western States) Canada, 5 p.m. via P.A.A. N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m. G.E.A.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. 8 a.m. via P.A.A. India, Pakistan, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 1 p.m. B.A. Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m. P.A.A. Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m. B.O.A.C. Formosa, 6 p.m. C.A.T. Macao, 9 a.m. 6 p.m. via Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Japan, 6 p.m. via B.O.A.C. Macao, 2 p.m. via Lee Hong/Tak Shing. Monday, April 20. Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Middle East, via B.O.A.C. Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. (San Francisco), 1.30 p.m. P.A.A. Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m. C.P.A. Formosa, U.S.A. (Seattle & Western States), 6 p.m. H.K.A. N.W.A.L.

Polling Station Designated

Notice was given in today's Government Gazette that the site of the Kowloon Polling Station for the Urban Council elections, which will be held on May 20, will be situated at the Kowloon - Canton Railway Station in Tsimshatsui.

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